Virginia

Data Source: Firearms Tracing System

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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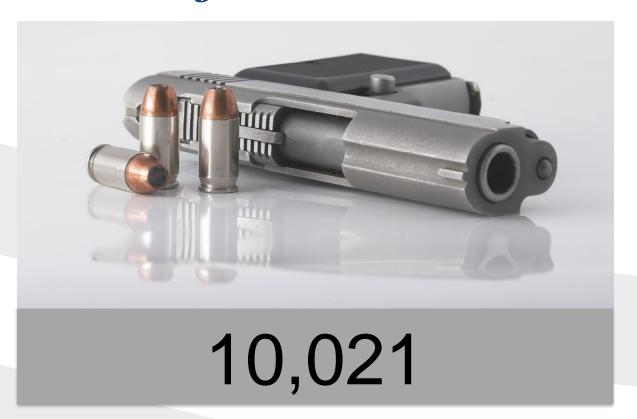Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer

- Firearm traces are designed to assist law enforcement authorities in conducting investigations by tracking the sale and possession of specific firearms. Law enforcement agencies may request firearms traces for any reason, and those reasons are not necessarily reported to the Federal Government. Not all firearms used in crime are traced and not all firearms traced are used in crime.

- Firearms selected for tracing are not chosen for purposes of determining which types, makes or models of firearms are used for illicit purposes. The firearms selected do not constitute a random sample and should not be considered representative of the larger universe of all firearms used by criminals, or any subset of that universe. Firearms are normally traced to the first retail seller, and sources reported for firearms traced do not necessarily represent the sources or methods by which firearms in general are acquired for use in crime.

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced in Virginia in Calendar Year 2017

10,021

Firearm Types with a Virginia Recovery

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Pistols	Revolvers	Rifles	Shotguns	Derringers	Receivers/Frames	Other
6,708	1,229	1,199	784	54	31	16

* Other includes Machineguns, Combinations, Unknown Types, a Destructive Device and a Silencer.

Top Calibers Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia Recovery

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9mm	.40 Cal	.22 Cal	.380 Cal	.45 Cal	12GA	.38 Cal	.357 Cal	.25 Cal	7.62mm	.32 Cal
3,041	1,365	939	848	790	612	526	274	192	190	177

NOTE: There were 988 additional traces that were associated with other calibers. There were 79 traces with an unknown caliber.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Weapon Offense	Possession of Weapon	Firearm Under Investigation	Dangerous Drugs	Found Firearm	Carrying Concealed Weapon	Suicide	Homicide	Property Crimes
2,933	1,460	1,353	818	798	480	311	216	206

NOTE: There were 1,446 additional traces that were associated with other categories.

Top 15 Source States for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Virginia	North Carolina	Florida	Georgia	West Virginia
6,389	193	123	109	97
Pennsylvania	**Tennessee**	**Texas**	**Maryland**	**South Carolina**
72	72	71	65	61
Alabama	**Ohio**	**California**	**Kentucky**	**Louisiana**
43	43	39	34	30

NOTE: An additional 35 states and the District of Columbia accounted for 337 other traces. The source state was identified in 7,778 total traces.

Time-To-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Under 3 Months	3 Months to Under 7 Months	7 Months to Under 1 Year	1 Year to Under 2 years	2 Years to Under 3 Years	3 Years and Over
775	649	655	1,025	660	3,939

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Virginia Average Time-to-Crime: **7.45 Years**
1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Time-to-Crime: **9.30 Years**

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

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17 & Under	18 to 21	22 to 24	25 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	Over 50
247	1,181	949	1,528	1,573	832	993

1/1/2017-12/31/2017 Virginia Average Age of Possessor: **34 Years**
1/1/2017-12/31/2017 National Average Age of Possessor: **35 Years**

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

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Richmond	Virginia Beach	Norfolk	Newport News	Hampton	Chesapeake	Roanoke	Portsmouth	Danville	Woodbridge	North Chesterfield
1,356	909	713	702	449	353	288	286	207	182	165

NOTE: There were 424 additional municipalities that accounted for 4,386 other traces. The recovery city could not be determined for 25 traces.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics

Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced

- Includes traces with a recovery state of Virginia. Traces in which the recovery state was not provided were included when the requesting agency state was equal to Virginia.

- Includes Firearms Recovered and Traced between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017, or, if the recovery date was blank, the trace entry date was between 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017.

- Duplicate traces, Firearms Not Recovered, Gun Buyback and Firearms Turned In are not included in this figure.

- Data was extracted from the Firearms Tracing System (FTS) on April 11, 2018.

- All traces may not have been submitted or completed at the time of this study.

Firearm Types and Calibers with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

Top Categories Reported on Firearm Traces with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced. Beginning in CY 2010, attempted homicide, attempted suicide and negligent vehicular manslaughter are reported in separate categories.

Analytical Criteria Used to Compile the Enclosed Statistics (continued)

Top Source States for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- Traces must identify a purchaser and the state in which the final dealer is located.

Time-to-Crime Rates for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- Traces must identify a purchaser.

- Time-to-Crime was calculated for those traces in which the purchase date could be subtracted from the recovery date.

Age of Possessors for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- Includes traces that provide a possessor and the possessor's date of birth.

- Possessor's age is calculated by subtracting the possessor's date of birth from the recovery date.

Top Recovery Cities for Firearms with a Virginia Recovery

- Includes same criteria as Total Number of Firearms Recovered and Traced.

- Includes traces with a recovery city, or, if the recovery city was not provided, the requesting agency had jurisdiction only within that city.